

Veterans and Military Affairs Committee

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LEGISLATION ENACTED

adjutant general; annual report (S.B. 1134) – Chapter 245

Modifies reporting procedures for the Adjutant General. Stipulates that, that notwithstanding any other law, officers and enlisted personnel of the Arizona National Guard, while on state active duty exceeding 30 consecutive days, are to be considered employees of the State and eligible for health and accident insurance, including dependents. Specifies that upon completion of state active duty orders, members of the National Guard and their dependents are prohibited from continuing to receive health and accident insurance. Requires reimbursement for members of the National Guard, traveling at any time under official orders, for the cost of travel, expenses for lodging and meals.

child custody; military families (S.B. 1283) – Chapter 346

Makes various changes to the child custody statutes to provide for a parent who has been called into active military service. Prohibits a court from entering into a final order that modifies parental rights in an existing order until 90 days after the deployment has ended. Allows a court to temporarily modify parental rights and responsibilities or parent-child contact during the period of deployment under specified conditions.

~~governmental mall commission; public terms~~ (NOW: military affairs; families; funds; omnibus) (S.B. 1373) – Chapter 307 E

SEE THE GOVERNMENT REFORM COMMITTEE.

~~national guard; state active duty~~ (NOW: assessment for family offenses; stalking) (S.B. 1424) – Chapter 296

Requires any person convicted of harassment, aggravated harassment, stalking or a family offense, such as domestic violence or abandonment, to pay an additional assessment of \$50 to be deposited in the Domestic Violence Shelter Fund.

professional licensure; out-of-state applicants (S.B. 1458) – Chapter 240

SEE THE COMMERCE AND ENERGY COMMITTEE.

~~board of appraisal; disciplinary proceedings~~ (NOW: military family relief fund; extension) (H.B. 2284) – Chapter 126 E

SEE THE WATER, LAND USE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

liquor importation; amount; military personnel (HB 2357) – Chapter 53

Allows a member of the armed services to import more than one liter of spirituous liquor for personal use into Arizona if the individual is returning from a tour of duty in a foreign country.

honorably discharged veterans; in-state tuition (H.B. 2410) – Chapter 56 E

An emergency measure, effective April, 12, 2011 that grants honorably discharged members of the United States Armed Forces classification as in-state students for tuition purposes at any Arizona public university or community college as long as certain criteria have been met.

women veteran special plate (HB 2656) – Chapter 81

Directs the Arizona Department of Transportation to create the women veteran special plate and to establish a fund with a portion of the proceeds to help women veterans through the Department of Veterans' Services.